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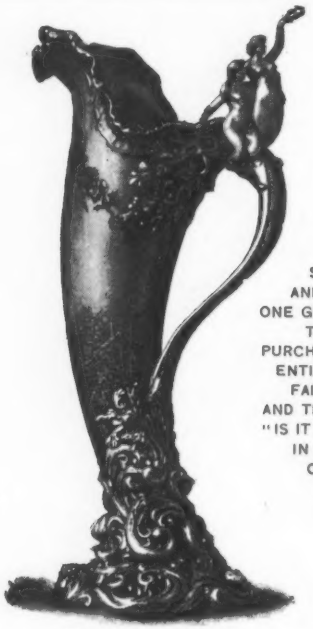

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THE special literary feature of the June Number is Mr. JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL'S paper on **The Old English Dramatists,** introductory to a series of papers which will run through the year.

The Number opens with an article of curious interest by Dr. CHARLES WALDSTEIN on **Funeral Orations in Stone and Word.** The immediate occasion of the article is the recent discovery, in excavations on the Acropolis, of a remarkable slab with a bas-relief of "The Mourning Athene," an engraving of which serves as frontispiece.

The Number is strongly American. Excepting Baron VON KUHN'S article on the **Austro-Hungarian Army,** admirably illustrated by T. DE THULSTRUP, all the contributions are from American writers and relate mainly to American subjects. **The Birthplace of Commodore Isaac Hull,** by Miss JANE DE FOREST SHELTON, is an interesting article from its association with the great naval hero of 1812, whose portrait is given—a full-page engraving from the painting by GILBERT STUART. Mr. GEORGE W. RANCK tells the story of Kentucky's admission to the Union one hundred years ago; Mr. JULIAN RALPH characterizes in a bright and comprehensive summary the peculiarities and resources of Montana; and Mr. COURTENAY DE KALB contributes an interesting description of the **Social and Intellectual Condition of Eastern Peru,** with illustrations.

A short story of national and patriotic interest is contributed by SARAH ORNE JEWETT, entitled **Decoration Day.** Another short story, **From Leopold's Window,** is from the pen of Miss KATHARINE PEARSON WOODS.

Mr. HOWELLS'S novel, **The World of Chance,** is continued, and **Jane Field,** Miss WILKINS'S first novel, enters upon an exciting stage of its dramatic development. **P'ti' Barouette,** by WILLIAM MCLENNAN, with illustrations by REINHART, concludes the series of Canadian Habitant Sketches.

One of the most beautiful of the illustrated articles is **A Honey-dew Picnic,** by WILLIAM HAMILTON GIBSON, illustrated by the author.

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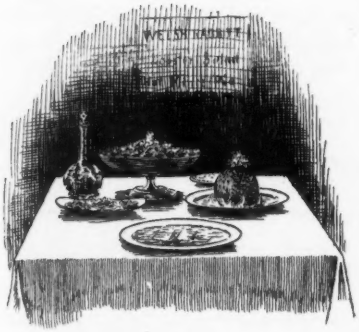


"WE ARE SUCH STUFF AS DREAMS ARE MADE OF." *Tempest.*

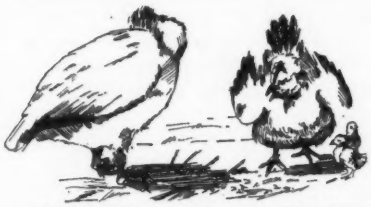
UNMERITED REPROOF.

THE RECTOR: My dear young lady, I hope I am mistaken, but I thought I saw you talking during the sermon yesterday.

STRAY LAMB: You certainly *are* mistaken, Doctor. Why I *never* talk in my sleep!

"PEMBROKE seems to me a singularly empty young man."

"You wrong him. He is always full."



The Hen (*to supposed goose*): GET OUT OF HERE OR I'LL PICK AN EYE OUT OF YOU.

The Pelican: WHAT WERE YOU PLEASED TO OBSERVE, MADAM?

ON THE WRONG TRACK.

He: CONGRATULATE ME, MISS BELLA. IN A FEW DAYS MISS GOLDTHWAITE WILL BE MINE.

She: I AM GLAD TO HEAR IT; BUT I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE——

He: OF COURSE YOU DIDN'T, NOR ANY ONE ELSE. DIDN'T WANT ANY COMPETITION, SEE? BUT IT'S ALL FIXED NOW. SHE'LL BE WORTH TEN THOUSAND A YEAR TO ME.

She: REALLY? THE NAME'S UNFAMILIAR. NEW YORK FAMILY?

He: NO; KENTUCKY FAMILY, AND ONE OF THE BEST. SIRED BY BANG UP, DAM QUEEN ELIZABETH—WHY YOU MUST REMEMBER HER. SHE MADE 2:13 LAST SEASON AND NOT HALF TRAINED AT THAT.

She: OH, I THOUGHT YOU WERE SPEAKING OF A MARRIAGE ENGAGEMENT.

He: NOW, MISS BELLA, THAT'S PRETTY HARD. I KNOW I SPEND HALF MY TIME IN THE STABLE BUT THAT'S NO REASON YOU SHOULD TAKE ME FOR AN ASS.

THE INNOCENT.

SHE stood looking up at him so innocently from under that sprig of mistletoe that still hung in the parlor as a reminder of the Christmas season; she was so pretty, and she *was* under the mistletoe, and he couldn't help it—he had kissed her.

It was an ungentlemanly and unmanly thing to do. He knew that now, as he remembered her frightened, startled look, and the miserable excuses he had tried to stammer out; yes, and the tears in her eyes, and the little choking sob with which she had received his stumbling apology.

"Who could think she would feel like that about it?" he thought; "dear little innocent!"

And she—after he was gone, she lay down on the sofa and cried. "I like him—so much, and now—to think that he should kiss me at last—and then say he *didn't mean anything* by it. What does he think I stood there for?—the little idiot!"

"While there's Life there's Hope."

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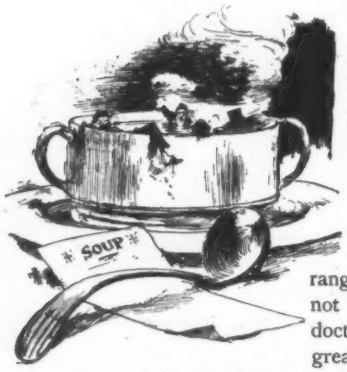

A BROOKLYN physician treated a patient for eight years for typhoid malaria, and finally lost the case. The autopsy was a vindication for malaria, in that it demonstrated that death was due to appendicitis. The error of diagnosis was extenuated, however, by the discovery of an abnormal arrangement of organs which could not have been diagnosed. The doctor's professional brethren greatly regretted that he, though present at the autopsy, was unable to appreciate its developments. The trouble was that the case he had taken was his own, so that he cared as little for the autopsy as the victim of a February convention would care for subsequent proceedings at Chicago.

The Story, which is a True One, teaches that a Candidate who chooses to be his own Doctor, should plan to have his fun during the lifetime of the Patient. He will not Enjoy the Autopsy, even though it Shows that Abnormality of the Patient's own Insides was Responsible for the Error in the Diagnosis.

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COLONEL WATTERSON'S prophecy that if Mr. Cleveland is nominated he will lose New York State by 100,000 votes, is partially explained by the report that Lieut. Totten and Col. Watterson have formed a prophetic partnership, by the terms of which the Lieutenant does the figuring and the Colonel attends to the circulation.

A NEWLY formed trust has undertaken the financial management of all the Yale University athletics. No dividends are to be paid at present, but the profits of the business will be allowed to accumulate until such a surplus is formed as will warrant the engagement of a new faculty. The promotors of the enterprise feel that Yale athletics can never be thoroughly independent, and consequently thoroughly successful, until they and the Yale faculty are under the same management.

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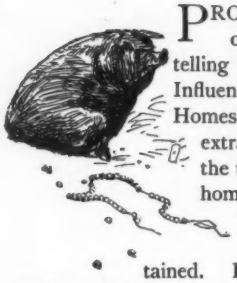

PROFESSOR Alice Freeman Palmer, of Cambridge, Mass., has been telling the Chicago people about "The Influence of College Education upon our Homes." Chicago is just starting an extra large and expensive college, with the understanding that it will cause the homes of Cook County to abound with baseball and football talent of a quality not otherwise to be obtained. If Mrs. Palmer has been saying anything to dispel this expectation she has shown herself a particularly untimely friend to the budding Chicago University.

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THE crowned feet of Europe are shaking in their shoes over the possibility of another visit from the Shah of Persia. If the stories told of the Shah's last visit are true, it is no injustice to him to assert that if the personal habits of the American hog were half as objectionable as his, not the uttermost achievements of diplomacy would avail to get American pork into any country in Europe. But if the Shah chooses to visit his royal brothers again, he will probably do it, and defile their palaces as he did before. There is just a chance that if he comes he may find his young cousin of Germany at home and out of temper. If he does, there may be some fun.

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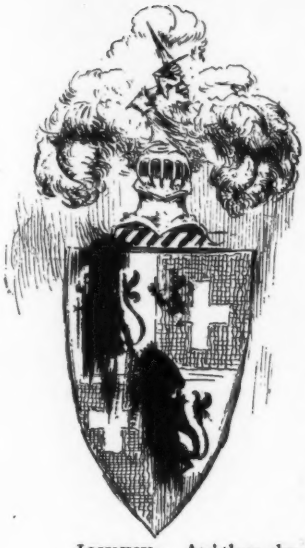
THE Brewers' Employees who met in convention the other day in Buffalo, made a mistake when they petitioned Governor Fifer of Illinois to pardon the Illinois imprisoned Anarchists. As zealous promotors of the consumption of beer, Anarchists would naturally appeal to the sympathies of the Brewers' Employees. But Anarchists are just as ready to destroy breweries as beer; and that is what the Employees in convention seem not to have remembered. No one who is willing to work has anything to gain by any show of favor to anarchism.



A GOOD IDEA.

"IF the scions of respectable houses don't stop disgracing their families pretty soon," said the dyer and cleaner, "I am going to put out a new sign like this:

ESCUTCHEONS
CLEANED.

A SERIOUS QUESTION.

JOHNNY: And are the angels always well and don't get cross at all?

MAMMA: Yes, Johnny.

JOHNNY: An' they never fight, nor do anything wrong?

MAMMA: No.

JOHNNY: An' they always have the same kind of weather, do they?

MAMMA: Yes.

JOHNNY (*after a moment's pause*): Then what in thunder do the mamma angels talk about when they go to call on each other?

CURIOUS EFFECT PRODUCED BY THE SIGHT OF FOOD ON SOME FIFTH AVENUE STAGE HORSES.

"I SAW a man laughing at *Punch* in a Broadway car the other day."

"Really? Why, it must have been Harry Furniss. He's over here, you know."

SHE: Who are "The Giants" I hear so much about? Are they ball players?

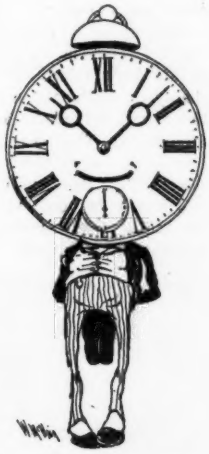
HE: No, dear.

A CHAMPION.

Sister: SEE HERE, JOHNNY FRESH, YER TOO FREE WID YER HANDS, AN' IF YER DON'T STOP IT YE'LL BE MADE TER!

J. F.: WHO'LL MAKE ME?

S.: WHY, *I* WILL, AN' DON'T YER FERGIT IT, NEITHER!



"AHEAD OF TIME."

HE: Ex-President Cleveland is not going to Marion this Summer.

SHE: Why not?

HE: He is going to Watch Hill.

BOOKISHNESS

TO DIANA OF THE CROSSWAYS, SURREY.

DEAR DIANA: You are always a graceful woman, in important and in trivial things, and in nothing are you so often tactful as in your little remembrances for days and seasons. You write me that the hedges and the Downs in Surrey are full of the perfume of Spring, and you feel sure that I shall be wandering into the country very soon to breathe the odor of apple-blossoms. So you send me the "Love-Letters of a Worldly Woman," which will be just the little book I want to read on the way down to the country, in the cars, and think about on the way back. "You will go a-looking for your lost youth in the Springtime, and this little book will show you how far away it is," you add with a touch of irony.

The letter and the book came as I was starting for Arcady and the old college, and I have read it while skimming along green fields, or sitting under the elms. It has brought back the old mood, as you knew it would, and I am not sure as I sit here whether it was yesterday or a hundred years ago, that I left these gray old cloisters and closed the doors on this world of sentiment and aspiration. For it is to this world that these letters belong.

The title, as you must have felt, is a misnomer—for none of these are the letters of a "worldly woman." In the three parts of the book it is essentially the same woman who writes—at different ages and degrees of experience. But she is always the woman of sentiment, romance, and aspiration—the sort of woman whom the group of "digs" in cap and gown, who are discussing the "eternal verities" in the next room, would worship, and write perfectly correct hexameters in her honor. They would believe that her little affectations of cynicism were real worldly wisdom, and stand a little bit in awe of them. But you, Diana, who knew the real world and suffered in it before you married dear old Redworth, would never be deceived by these assertions of womanly independence.

I know what you think about her and I can almost hear you say it: "This woman is lovable, but she would be very uncomfortable in a family; I know, for I was once like her; and if I had married Tom in those days I should have ruined his career, simply by continually urging him to make what I called 'sacrifices' for success. That dear man is now a type of the right kind of success, but there is none of that sort of heroism in it which the woman who writes these letters worships in a man."

What you and I really like about her is a certain fervor and intensity of love which she lavishes on her ideal man. You know there never was such a man (except Tom Redworth) but if she should find him some day, she would be sorry that she ever married *Sir Noel*, even though he should be Prime Minister. It is the possibility of a woman cherishing such a delusion about him that makes a man love her. If he can only be the hook on which she hangs her ideal man, he is content. So long as she does not distinguish between the hook and the ideal, the real man is happy; but when she begins to differentiate then his trouble begins. That is why you and I think that the woman of these clever stories is lovable, but uncomfortable.

What I most like about her is that she clearly distinguishes between what is really interesting and what is simply conventional, what is respectable and what is important. That is a line which few women draw, and not a host of men. I am inclined to think it is as important as the "moral law"—perhaps it *is* the moral law in a nut-shell.

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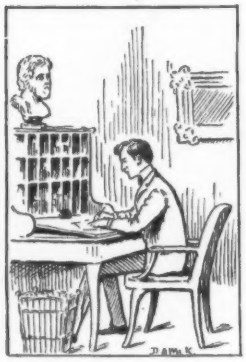
BUT it is growing very late; the college clock is striking, and there is a rumpus outside the door. It is the boy (who calls me "Uncle" when he wants to tease, and "Jack" when he wants what he is pleased to call a *loan*) who enters with his comrades. "It is almost time for the Owl train back to the city, old man," he says, "and I am sorry you can't stay for our spread." The boys all carry mysterious packages, and I have a suspicion that there is little left of the "loan" the boy negotiated a few hours ago.

It is a cheap price for a happy day, and an evening of pleasant reverie in the very room that was once mine; nothing left of the original shell but this old table which the boy says "must have come out of the Ark." At any rate I know that Noah was young when he bought it, and he wrote reams of letters on it to a woman who before the flood was called Diana Antonia Merion.

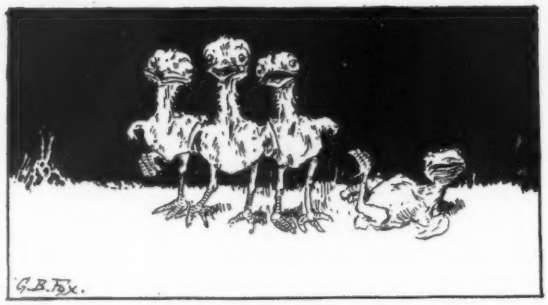
Her old friend,

Droch.

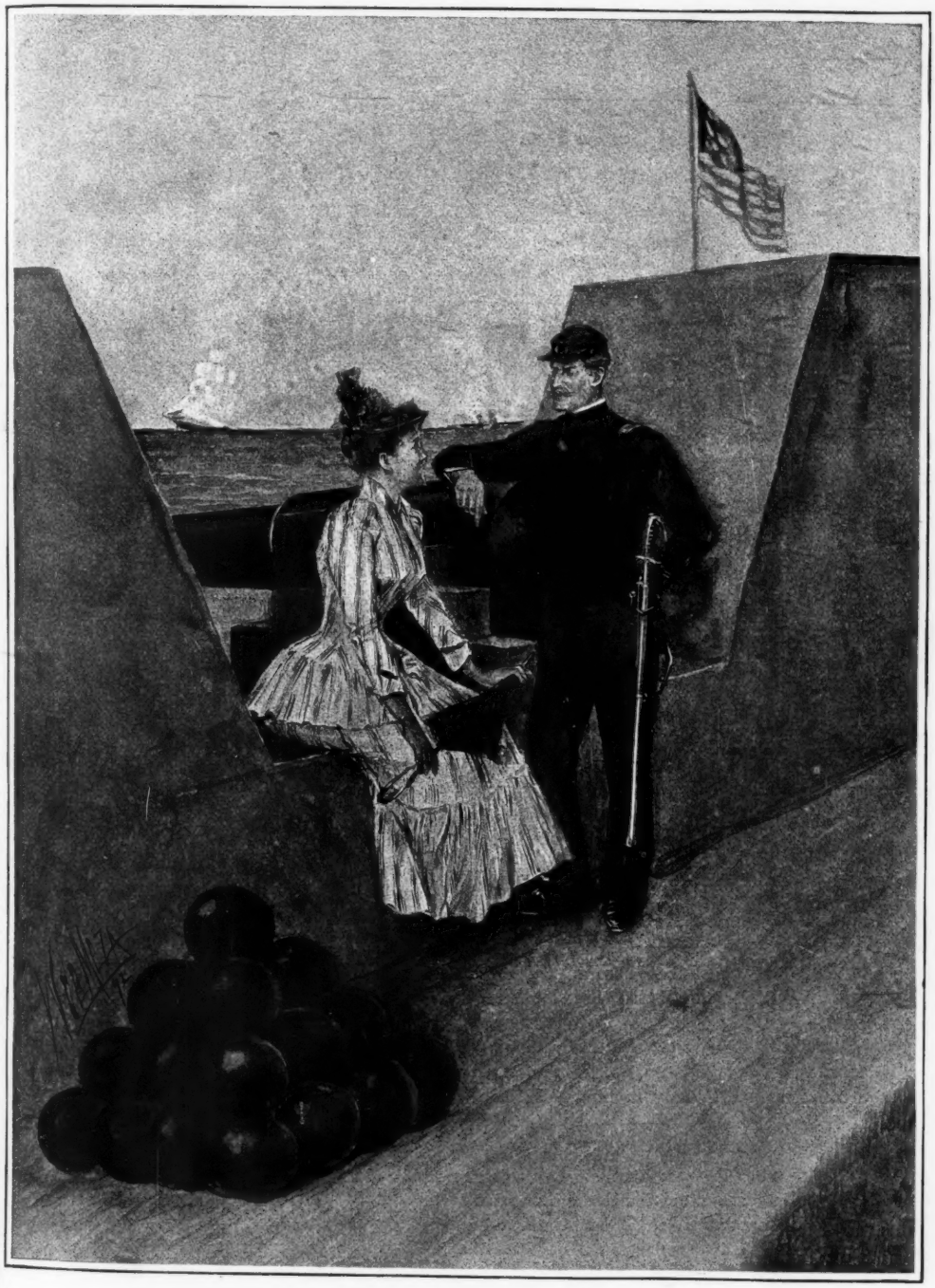
The Cloisters, College of Arcady.



HIS PHENOMENAL RISE AS A STORY WRITER.

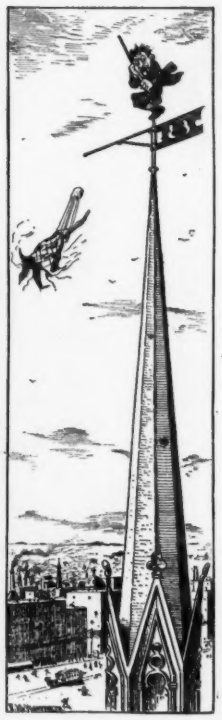


SOME OF THE LARKS WE HAVE IN THE SPRING.



OUR HEROES.

She (earnestly): IT MUST BE AWFULLY DANGEROUS TO BE A SOLDIER.
He: IT IS INDEED. THE WOMEN ARE ALWAYS AFTER YOU.



Aeronaut (just alighted): I'D LIKE TO HAVE HOLD OF THE FELLER WHO SAID THERE WAS PLENTY OF ROOM AT THE TOP.

THE BOSTON GIRL: Did you ever fall in love?

THE CHICAGO GIRL: Fall? Not much—I just jumped into it.

HE who runs may be Reed.

"EXTRA DRY."

Rose: DOES MR. VERYDULL KNOW ANYTHING?
Lillian: KNOW ANYTHING! HE DOESN'T EVEN *suspect* ANYTHING.

A LARGE BILL FOR RIVER APPROPRIATIONS.

ALL IN THE NAME.

WHY named they this the month of May?—
Of nicknames, pray, be wary!—
For oysters we might eat to-day
Had they but called it Mary.

ASSISTANT: I have here an article twisting the British Lion's tail. It is a corker, but it is unsigned.

EDITOR: Sign it G. Whittiker Jones; what would have been the moral effect of the Declaration of Independence, signed "Prominent Citizen?"

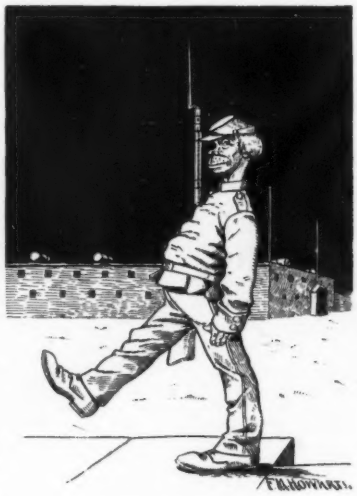
CAUSE AND EFFECT.

"TO what do you attribute the remarkable increase of kleptomania in late years?"

"To the fact that the dry goods stores keep more detectives."

COLLECTOR: Mr. Trager, will you subscribe towards the decoration of the soldiers' graves?

MR. TRAGER: No, sir! The men whose graves I want to decorate ain't dead yet.



"STRICTLY PRIVATE."

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE WEEK.

MAY 16, 1874.

FIRST BEE-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION FOUNDED.

MAY 17, 1860.

JAPANESE EMBASSY RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT BUCHANAN AT WASHINGTON.

MAY 21, 1884.

DINIZULU, SON OF CETYWAYO, CROWNED KING OF ZULULAND.

Mrs. H.: DEAR, DEAR! I DO WISH PEOPLE HAD THEIR SECOND CHILDHOOD FIRST; THEN THEY'D BE OLD ENOUGH TO KNOW BETTER THAN TO CRY SO!

EVEN SO.

MR. RUDYARD KIPLING'S impressions of New York City, as published in the London *Times*, are well worth reading.

That we are a superior people is generally admitted by ourselves, and possibly the fact that we are happy in our filth and general corruption is not to our discredit. Being thus happy, it may be unwise to attach too much importance to outside criticism.

Here are some of Mr. Kipling's statements, and nothing truer was ever said of this extraordinary city:

"The more I studied it the more grotesquely bad it grew. It was bad in the paving of its streets, bad in its police management, and bad in its sanitary arrangements. No one that I talked to has approached the management of New York in a proper spirit, regarding it as the shiftless outcome of squalid barbarism and reckless extravagance.

"In a heathen land three things are supposed to be the pillars of a moderately decent government. They are: Regard for human life; justice, criminal and civil, and good roads. Yet in this Christian city they think lightly of the first; their own papers, their own speech, and their own actions prove it. They buy and sell the second at a certain price, openly and without shame, and are apparently content to do without the third.

"The blame of their city evils is not altogether with the gentlemen, chiefly of foreign extraction, who control the city. These find the people made to their hand—a lawless breed, ready to wink at one evasion of the law if they may profit by another, and in their rare hours of leisure content to smile over the details of a clever fraud.

"There is nothing more delightful than to sit, for a strictly limited time, with a child who tells you what he means to be when a man. But when the same child—loud-voiced, insistent and unblushingly eager for praise, but as thin-skinned as the most morbid hobbledehoy—stands about all your ways, telling you the same story in the same voice, you begin to yearn for somebody finished—say, Egypt and a completely dead mummy.

"It is neither seemly nor safe to hint that the government of the largest city in the United States is a despotism of the alien by the alien, for the alien, tempered with occasional insurrections of decent folk."

IN LE YEAR

THE BRIDE AWAITS THE GRO O LEA

IN LE YEAR.

HE GRO O LEAD HIM TO THE ALTAR.

RONDEAU.

"Behind Her Fan."

BEHIND her fan all painted o'er
With shepherds' maids and Loves galore,
Her chin was lost her laces 'mid,
While I, scarce knowing what I did,
Glanced, now at her, then at the floor.

I felt that I could kneel before
Even the very flowers she wore,
Or but the glove of softest kid,
Behind her fan.

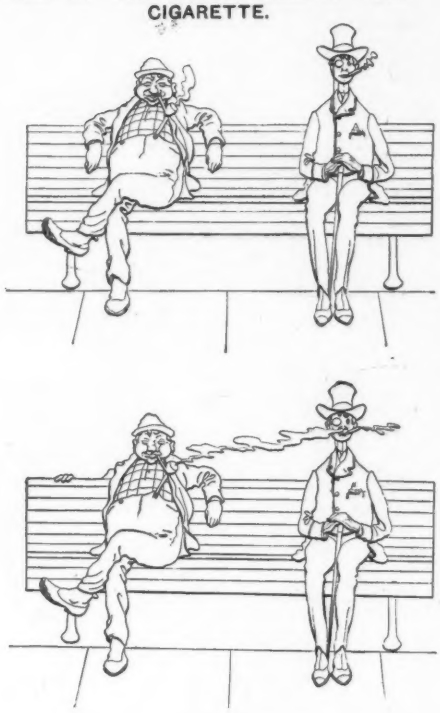
I longed, at once, to seek the door,
And to remain and venture more,
I wondered if she'd tell, if bid,—
Whether a smile or yawn she hid,
Behind her fan!

MULTUM IN PARVO.

THE editor of the Hawville *Clarion* made the following personal announcement in a recent issue of that paper:

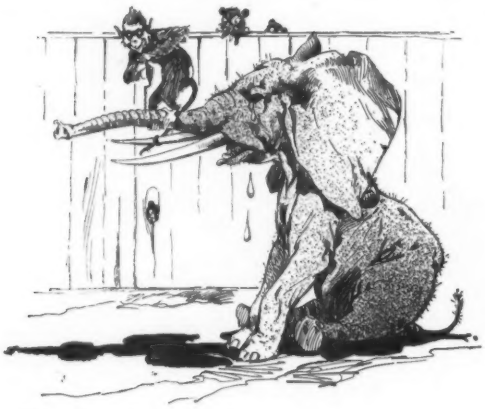
We wish it distinctly understood that hereafter in our capacity as Justice of the Peace we will perform no marriage ceremonies without the fee, in cash or its equivalent, strictly in advance. We were driven to this decision by an unpleasant incident which happened last week. After we had joined Alkali Cronk to Miss Dorky Partlow, the groom proposed that he defer payment for one week, at the end of which time he would return and pay us in proportion to his happiness. We cheerfully assented, expecting to receive a good fat fee. Instead, however, Mr. Cronk came back upon the following morning and mauled us almost to death. Hence, we insist upon payment in advance. Country produce, hoop-poles, old bones, pelts or soft soap taken same as cash.

ONE OF THE ADVANTAGES OF THE CIGARETTE.



The attention of our readers is called to the fact that we paint the most artistic signs in town, cut hair in the latest style, pull teeth without pain, break horses thoroughly, and have a good line of brooms and liver pads of our own make for sale.

Do not forget the church social at our resi-



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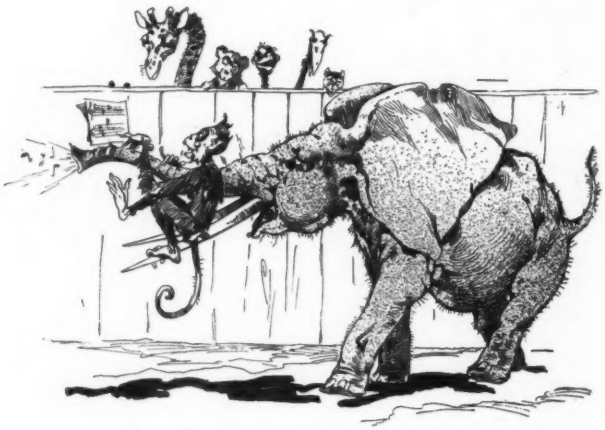
"YES, RATHER, BUT I SUPPOSE I'LL HAVE TO STAND IT FOR THE CONCERT."



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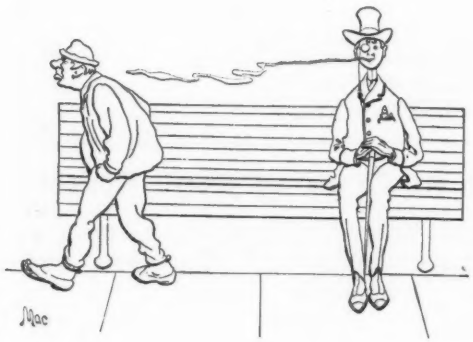

The Elder Sister: I'M ASHAMED OF THE ATTENTIONS OF THESE MEN TO YOU.
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—*John R. Barrett in Printer's Ink.*

MRS. HUDSON, wife of the English railway king assailed by Carlyle, was a worthy successor to Mrs. Malaprop. Here are two stories of her related by Mr. Vernon Heath in his "Recollections": Mr. Hudson had issued cards for an evening party "to meet the Duke of Wellington." The night arrived, the guests assembled, and the rooms were crowded, but no duke, though at a late hour his grace arrived, when Mrs. Hudson, who was ready to receive him, said:

"Oh, duke, you are so late and I have been so anxious; for to-night, you know, you are my *prima donna!*"

Desiring to visit the celebrated Bridgewater Gallery, at the residence of Lord Ellesmere, Mrs. Hudson was duly shown the treasures of art there collected. In passing through the corridor, where much beautiful sculpture is exhibited, the visitor was struck by a bust of Marcus Aurelius. Addressing the housekeeper, she inquired:

"And who may this be?"

"That is Marcus Aurelius, ma'am."

"Oh, indeed!" said Mrs. Hudson; father of the present marquis, I presume!"
—*Argonaut.*

IT was in front of the Broadway. They had just come in from Punktown, and were devising ways and means to see Francis Wilson and "The Lion Tamer."

"'Taint no use in us all agoin' in," said Cy. Prime, "till we know whether it's any good or not. 'Spose we jist club together an' send Seth in ter see."

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His companions had been standing on the sidewalk about ten minutes when Seth came out. On his countenance was a dead sore expression in comparison with which an operatic manager counting a $90 house is a happy blending of profound satisfaction and beatific joy.

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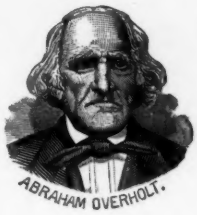

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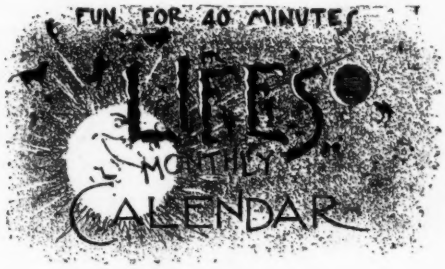

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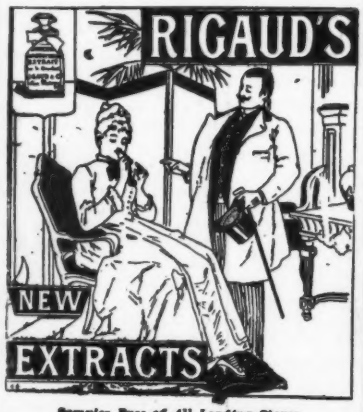

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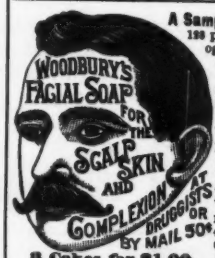

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